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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 20 September 2005 in the above-referenced application proceeding, please amend the claims as indicated below:

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